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Dear David,

Your sending me your copy of the Callaghan book is a fine, thoughtful, generous and appreciated offer but if by the time you get this you have not send it, please do not.

I know enough about the trash. It is one of the minor, and I mean this, exploitations and ~~exploitations~~ commercialization whatever Callahan may believe or have talked himself in believing and it is beyond my capabilities to give all of them the attention that a decade ago I would have. I know enough about it from my friend Dave Wrone, Wisconsin (Stevens Point) historian. Anything to promote it, of course, I would like for file.

It does distress me that Paul Hoch would have anything to do with it but then when he agreed to he probably had no way of knowing what would evolve is shabby, careless, ignorant, uninformed relic of the dim past that is tainted by the more careless of crude inaccuracies.

An extra one, for file purposes only, I would be welcome. But I will not waste the time to read it. The few samples I have are enough for the book to describe itself. It is not even current on the assassination nuttiness. For Callahan not to know even that is his own self characterization to me.

If as you say that it is so cheap and crude (you do not use these words) was not his intention to him he is arrogant beyond meaningful descriotion to have undertaken such a project for what I presume is a decent advance and then not do the work required to make it even a decent compendium of all the misleading, misinformation and generally wrong-headed disgraces readily available to him. And of which Scott at the least should have known about.

Most of the covert-action seenarios of which I know range from amateur childish concepts of them to utter silliness if they are alleged to relate to the ssassination.

You are fortunate not be have been credited in the book as you were to Publishers Weekly.

On Scott, and this is intended to address his work, not him, I made detailed analyses and commentaries on all the abortions in defense of Oliver Stone's travest ~~try~~ again for history only. In the course I did that with the sillines TIKKUN printed. I sent Lerner a copy, with no restrictions and as a challenge to him and to those who penned that swill for him. Not a word from any of them, none from Scott. These guys just do not know what they are talking and writing about and they invent reality often in justification of the sickness they put on paper. I can think of little writing ostensibly on the subject that defames writers more or serves any national interest less. In short, however they conceive themselves, they are disinformationists. That confuse the prople even more and individually and collectively they tend to protect the official miscreants. But you have been thoughtful and helpful and once again thanks for it. (I hope you were braced!) Thanks again, Harold